

FRENCH HOLD
NEW ADVANCE

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COUNTER-ATTACK
MADE LAST NIGHT

Paris Reports that Effort
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There has been a lull in the severity of the fighting on the British front in France and Belgium. Along the lines occupied by the French, however, a renewal of activities on a more intensive character is noted. General Petain struck the German lines in Champagne yesterday a blow which netted the French a system nearly a third of a mile in length in an important sector. German attempts to retake the positions last night failed.

General Haig reports only raids, in which his troops successfully felt out the enemy lines towards the southern end of the British front.

Paris, June 19.—The Germans made an attack last night on the positions in Champagne, between Mont Blond and Mont Carnillet, which were taken by the French yesterday. To-day's official statement says the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses. Violent artillery fighting occurred in Champagne.

The story of the capture of the positions by the French is related in the official statement issued last night, as follows:

"Marked artillery activity was displayed in the region of Laffaux, Pantheon and the sector of Craonne-Chevreaux. In Champagne we carried out this morning a local operation which rendered us masters of a system of German trenches which formed a salient in our lines on a front of about 500 meters between Mont Carnillet and Mont Blond. In the course of this action we took 40 prisoners, one of them an officer.

"The Germans without reason continued to bombard the town of Rheims, on which 2,000 shells were fired yesterday. One civilian was killed and three were wounded.

"Belgian communication: 'During the course of the night there was great artillery activity in the region of Lizeux and Bousignies; during the day the cannonading was light along the whole front.'

"Eastern theatre: British aviators bombed the Tumba railway station, 12 kilometers from Sere, and several enemy munitions depots. There was restricted artillery activity along the whole front.

"Thessaly: The movements of our troops continue to be carried out without difficulty. All the communes in the region of Larissa and Valo have adhered spontaneously to the Venizelos government and have installed new civil authorities."

GERMANY'S CROPS
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IN RECORD HEAT

Prolonged Drouth Has Not Been Broken
Since Early May—Prospects of
Relief Are Held to Be Slight.

Copenhagen, via London, June 19.—Throughout Germany, according to reports here, all valuable grain crops are burning up in an unprecedented heat wave. The prolonged drouth has not been broken since early May. Berlin on Sunday experienced the hottest June 17 in the 70 years' experience of the weather bureau. Prospects for rain or a lower temperature are slight, the bureau says.

30,000 POLES HANGED.

By Order of German Authorities, Says a
Polish Deputy.

Zurich, via Paris, June 19.—Polish Deputy Basinski declared today in the Vienna Reichsrath that more than 30,000 poles had been hanged by order of German authorities.

According to the Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung, Deputy Stricker also described as abominable the treatment accorded political suspects, whereupon the Pan-Germanist Deputy Heine shouted: "They haven't used rope enough; all of them ought to have been hanged."

At these words all the Slav and Polish members rushed upon Heine, and the president was obliged to suspend the sitting in the midst of a tremendous uproar.

BRITISH TRANSPORT LOST.

It Is Supposed That 63 Persons Were
Drowned.

London, June 19.—The British transport Cameronian, with a small number of troops on board, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the eastern Mediterranean on June 2, it was officially announced last night. Sixty-three persons, including the captain of the transport, are presumed to have been drowned.

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Washington, D. C., June 19.—Wide-spread attempts on the part of munitions makers to evade the payment of profits taxes imposed by Congress last September have been reported by internal revenue agents, who have been working quietly for the past two months checking up the manufacturers' returns. The extent of the attempted evasion thus far brought to the attention of the treasury totals more than \$10,000,000 or approximately 40 per cent of the returns voluntarily made. Indications are that the figure will go as high as \$12,000,000 or \$13,000,000.

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\$100,000 GIFT TO MIDDLEBURY

On Condition That \$200,000 More Be
Raised.

Middlebury, June 19.—An anonymous gift of \$100,000 to Middlebury college on condition that \$200,000 additional be raised prior to June 1, 1918, was announced by President John M. Thomas at the commencement luncheon yesterday. The gift is the largest in the history of the institution.

The 117th commencement exercises of the college were held yesterday in the Congregational church in the presence of a large gathering. There were 66 graduates, six of whom were unable to be present because of military duty, two of them being already on duty in British waters.

The exercises began at 8:45 o'clock with chapel service in the Mead Memorial chapel. At 9 o'clock the annual meeting of the Associated alumni was held in the old chapel. The procession formed on the college campus at 10 o'clock, and the exercises in the church began at 10:30, President John M. Thomas presiding.

The following were the speakers: Salutatory, Madeline Katie Fisher of Walpole, N. H.; oration, Charles Ridgely Lee of East Orange, N. J.; essay, Margaret Elizabeth Hensley of Lee, Mass.; oration, Harold M. Davis of Malone, N. Y.; essay, Hilda May Thomas of Middlebury; oration, Dan Owen Mason of Middlebury; essay, Marie Louise Champagne of Fitchburg, Mass.; oration and valedictory, Webster Evans Miller.

Four honorary degrees were conferred. The degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon Frederick D. Jennings of New York, President Ira L. Reeves of Norwich university, and Eleazer L. Waterman, superior judge of Vermont. The degree of master of science was conferred upon William C. Langston of Furman university, South Carolina.

At the commencement dinner held at 1 o'clock in the McCullough gymnasium, Dr. Milo B. Hillegas, state commissioner of education, delivered an address, taking the place of President Reeves, who is in Washington. One hundred and fifty were present.

In the evening the senior ball was held in the gymnasium, 75 couples attending. Music was by Calhoun's orchestra.

FORMAL APPLICATION
FOR CO. C TRANSFER
TO BARRE MADE

Another Recruiting Detail Will Come to
Barre This Week to Secure the Men
Needed to Put Company on
a War Footing.

Soon the opportunity to enlist in C company of the 1st Vermont National Guard will have passed as the ranks are rapidly closing up, and a sharp campaign to be concluded at the end of the week will probably mean at the finish that Barre's adoption of the company has been sealed by its reaching war strength. It is a matter of common report that C company is the most talked of unit in the regiment, and the fact that it is one of the most attractive is amply evidenced by the stream of young men who joined its standard last week under the urge of resourceful campaigners representing the Barre Board of Trade and officers and privates from the military post at Chelsea.

This is a fine prospect that the company will have a good fund in the near future.

The fame of C company has reached Massachusetts, where Private Auguste Rouleau of the "Fighting Ninth" regiment has applied for a transfer to the Barre company. The splendid support which Barre and such towns as Brookfield, Washington, and Chelsea accorded the company in the drive last week has had a telling effect, and to-day formal application for transfer of C company from Burlington to Barre was made by Capt. John F. Sullivan, with the approval of Lieut.-Col. F. B. Thomas. It is expected that Adj. Gen. L. S. Tilton will make known his decision within a few days.

About the state Barre is acknowledged to be the "liveliest" recruiting town in Vermont. Officers of the regiment have said that they are proud of Barre's showing, and before the end of the week it is believed that the city will be the seat of two companies. St. Albans, which gave B company and the machine gun company to the regiment, is the only town which enjoys that distinction at present.

Active preparations are being made for C company benefits. The regimental band will be here Thursday for the opening performance of "The Girl from Broadway," tickets for which are selling rapidly. Tickets have been forwarded to Chelsea, Washington and Brookfield, in order that the people of those towns may have an opportunity to back up the young men contributed by them to the colors.

The closing drive will be inaugurated in the last half of the week. Capt. Sullivan and Capt. Paul D. Moody, chaplain of the regiment, who made a ringing appeal in the opera house Sunday evening, will remain until the end of the campaign. Lieut. H. F. Shaw and a detail of privates will arrive in Barre tomorrow. Meanwhile the recruiting headquarters in Howland hall is in charge of Serg. Brown and Private Levin, who are ready to confer with any young men who contemplate enlisting.

GRANGE BUYS U. S. BONDS.

Executive Committee of Vermont Organ-
ization Authorizes Purchase.

Bellows Falls, June 19.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Vermont state grange, held at Hotel Windham, consisting of W. N. Cady of Middlebury, Heman Stannard of West Haven, H. M. Farnham of Montpelier, H. W. Sargent of Brattleboro, and A. A. Priest of Randolph, it was voted to invest \$10,000 of the permanent fund in Liberty loan bonds. It was also voted to hold the next annual meeting at Burlington, if satisfactory hall and hotel accommodations can be made.

FELL WITH LIGHTED LAMP.

Mrs. Hobart Richards of Milton Boro
Badly Burned.

Milton Boro, June 19.—Mrs. Hobart Richards was badly burned yesterday morning when she fell while carrying a lighted lamp. In falling she fell to the floor on the lamp and her clothing was burned from her body. Her condition is serious.

ANOTHER RECRUIT DIES.

George E. Dow Was With Medical Corps
at Fort Ethan Allen.

Burlington, June 19.—George E. Dow, a member of the 18th recruit company, medical corps, at Fort Ethan Allen, died at the post hospital at 1:15 o'clock yesterday morning, after a two days' illness with spinal meningitis. He was 25 years old. He is the fifth of the recruits to die at the post, and the second to succumb to spinal meningitis. He will be given a military funeral, probably today, and the body will be taken to his late home in Newburyport, Mass. His sister, Mrs. Sadie Richardson, is expected to arrive to-day, with other relatives.

There are no other cases of meningitis at the post, and most of those who have been ill with pneumonia are recovering. In proportion to the number of men there, the amount of sickness is slight.

HIGHEST WATER
IN SOME YEARS

Considerable Crop Damage
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15,000 CORDS PULP
WOOD SWEEP AWAY

Connecticut River Valley
Also Swept by a Great
Rush of Water

Manchester, N. H., June 19.—Considerable crop damage and some property loss in the northern part of the state, due to the excessive rainfall which in some districts caused the most serious flood conditions known in years, was reported here to-day. The Androscoggin river overflowed its banks and 15,000 cords of pulp wood were swept away when boom broke at Berlin and Beecher Falls, Vt. High waters covered a wide area, especially in the Connecticut river valley.

Colebrook, N. H., June 19.—The northern part of the state is still in the throes of the biggest flood that has swept the region within a generation, as a result of the abnormal heavy rain of Sunday.

The Connecticut river is swelling hourly with the advance of a flood released when the gates at Connecticut lake were opened Sunday to relieve pressure on the dam, caused by the rapidly rising water, and which was so great that the bursting of the dam seemed imminent.

The country north of this town, as a result of the opening of these gates, is almost all under water. Roads are impassable, bridges have been carried away, crops are under water and railroad traffic almost at a standstill.

The damage is immense, the crop losses probably being greatest. As yet it has not been possible to estimate the total amount of the damage inflicted, for the full force of the Connecticut flood had not spent itself.

The Androscoggin river at Berlin overflowed its banks and last night the road between that city and Milan in many places was five feet under water. One farmer estimates his crops lost at \$500 and others speak in similar terms.

The boom at Beecher Falls, Vt., broke and released 10,000 cords of pulp wood while the boom broke at Berlin and let loose 5,000 cords.

No trains reached Colebrook during the afternoon yesterday as the result of a washout below Woodville. The Grand Trunk tracks in the vicinity of Berlin in many places are several feet under water and traffic on that line is practically at a standstill.

Lancaster was presented with a problem similar to that offered at Connecticut lake. The dam that held the lake of the Jones Electric company was on the verge of bursting. Bags of sand and load after load of coal ashes were dumped into the water to strengthen the dam's resistance without any appreciable aid and at last the gates were opened and the water allowed to rush into the canals.

Almost immediately these overflowed and at 5:15 yesterday the fire alarm was sounded, calling out the citizens to help in staying the rush of the waters. Bags of sand were heaped along the sides of the canals and the water was kept from flooding the streets to any damaging extent.

RESCUED FROM FOUNTAIN

Then He Acknowledged Intoxication and
Signed Abstinence Pledge.

Rescued from a watery grave might well be the epitome of an experience which ended, so far as Ward S. Luce of Williamstown is concerned, in city court this morning, when he paid the costs of prosecution after acknowledging an intoxication offense and signed the total abstinence pledge for a year. In the light of his narrow escape yesterday Luce was not actually choking to death in court, but he cheerfully affixed his name to the cold water document handed him by Magistrate H. W. Scott and went his way.

If there are any hero medals to be distributed in the aftermath of the affair, the biggest one should go to Chief Sinclair, who fought his way through several yards of rough sea to pull Luce out of the Herman Lee Ensign memorial fountain near City square last yesterday afternoon. The head of Luce and the arms of him were entirely submerged in the big granite bowl when the blue-coated landman put out from the sidewalk in a light skiff. Exterior and interior moisture had put Luce out of the running when it came to saving his own life and had it not been for the timely arrival of the rescuing party from police headquarters no one knows how the man's bath would have terminated. After settling with the judge to-day, Luce said that he was well aware of his predicament, but he was very profuse in conveying his gratitude to the chief.

MANY BARRE MEN ARE ELIGIBLE.

For the British Army Draft Under New
Arrangement.

Now that Great Britain has extended the draft to America and that with the full consent of the government, it develops that a very considerable number of people in Barre are eligible under the call for all British male subjects between the ages of 18 and 45 to join the British colors. It is true that a large majority of the men in those ages who now claim Barre for a home, although they are natives of England, Scotland, or Ireland, have become full fledged citizens, or are on the way to citizenship by virtue of their possessing first papers. Nevertheless it is known that there are many who remain subjects of Great Britain and it is this class that the British draft in America is going to affect.

Brig. Gen. W. A. White, who accompanied the British mission to America some weeks ago, is in charge of the recruiting and with the aid of British consuls he has obtained a good deal of information concerning the task that confronts him. A British recruiting station has been opened in Boston and in New York, where Gen. White inaugurated his drive for recruits and about 1,000 Britons of military age have answered the call to the colors without waiting for the draft. Reports are received that Scotchmen living in Philadelphia have been recruiting a Scotch regiment and in New York negroes who are natives of the island of Jamaica are also attempting to form a unit to fight with the British forces. Everywhere British consuls, it is said, are receiving reports which indicate that little difficulty will be encountered in the work of drafting eligibles.

It will be seen that many men who, were they naturalized in America, would not be eligible under the first selective service call, come within the age limits of 18 and 45 as fixed by the British draft.

TEAM DRIVER WON.

Sued Autoist for Damages Received in
Collision.

Manchester, June 19.—A jury verdict of \$437 was rendered in county court yesterday in favor of Daniel Provost of Manchester against Ira A. Glover of Dorset. The case resulted from a collision between Mr. Glover's automobile and Mr. Provost's team last March.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN
DEVELOPS MOMENTUM
IN AND ABOUT BARRE

Headquarters in the Aldrich Building at
Corner of North Main and Elm
Streets Is a Very Busy
Place.

Headquarters of the local Red Cross unit were open yesterday from early in the morning until late in the evening and those in charge were kept busy the whole day long. A telephone (number 715) has been installed and already a great many subscriptions have been telephoned in. Many others were handed in during the day. The ready responses to the Red Cross appeal show that many have been waiting for this opportunity to help in this magnificent work. Subscriptions are asked for not only from the city, but from the surrounding towns where there is no local Red Cross branch. Appeals have been made to societies of whatever nature to participate as a society in swelling the fund and the manufacturing plants and quarries have also been asked to send group subscriptions. Though a house-to-house campaign will be made the latter part of the week, it is urged that as many as possible leave their subscriptions at local headquarters as early as convenient.

At the city court room yesterday afternoon captains for the different wards were chosen and arrangements made for a thorough house-to-house canvass. Everyone is willing and a great many are eager to help in this work. Those who do not feel that they can give immediately as much as they would like to give should remember that payments may be made at any time up to or on Oct. 1, 1917.

No quota has been established for Barre or for any other town or city in the state. Vermont is asked to raise \$200,000, but even this is a mere approximation, for unlike other campaigns, this one has no precedent to follow and what can be expected from a given locality is more or less guess work. Orders from national and state headquarters are to the effect that Barre raise all she can through the local Red Cross society. Her quota is neither \$5,000 nor \$80,000. It is what the people will give. As one of the workers said to-day, "They haven't set us a mark, but they do want us to get a subscription from every individual in Barre and vicinity."

Campaign Notes.

"Whistle," the pop-corn man, came in with his two dollars as soon as the headquarters was opened. His name, by the way, is Nicholas Peterson.

The captains, lieutenants, etc., who are to canvass the city and the outlying districts, are to meet in the city court room at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon to complete the details of their canvass.

South Barre, Westville, Grantville, East Barre, West Hill, Beckley hill and Washington have all named captains to oversee a house-to-house campaign in those places.

The A. & P., the take-home store, is donating 10 per cent of to-day's sales to the local Red Cross.

If you weren't able to buy a Liberty bond, you can buy help for the soldiers by subscribing to the American Red Cross fund.

And remember, Liberty bonds are acceptable as cash in this campaign.

One little chap came in with a penny and behind came a man with \$50. They are both big fellows.

Miss Evelyn Phelps is busy every minute at headquarters receiving subscriptions, answering telephone calls, giving information, and keeping a card index of each subscriber.

Mail your subscriptions if you cannot come in person. Address to Red Cross Headquarters, Barre, Vt.

Subscription papers will be given to the captains and lieutenants of the canvass at the meeting in the city court room in this city on Wednesday at 4 p. m. Everyone should be on hand. Extra copies may be obtained at headquarters.

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